

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief
SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: November 13 – 19

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Highlighted activities relate to: monitoring, wolf-livestock interactions, outreach and education, research, law enforcement, and other miscellaneous topics of public interest. The Weekly Report will be available each Monday, covering the previous week. It and other wolf program information (including the 2009 annual report) can be found on the FWP website.

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/default.html>

WOLF MONITORING ACTIVITIES:

Flights: 11/15 – Kent Laudon conducted a regular monitoring flight.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES:

11/11: Mike Ross reported that one wolf was shot under the 10(j) Provision in the Big Hole Valley. It is currently under investigation by the USFWS and no other information is available.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

11/19: Kent Laudon gave a talk on the current status of wolves in Montana and the FWP wolf management program to the community of Big Arm. About 40 people were in attendance.

11/19: Liz Bradley gave a talk at Woodman School (west of Lolo on Hwy 12) to an estimated 50 K-8 graders.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Nothing to report.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

11/17: A dead wolf was recovered from the Miller Creek area near Olney, and is under investigation.

11/17: A dead wolf was recovered from the Coal Creek area in the North Fork Flathead, and is under investigation.

OTHER UPDATES:

Nothing to report.

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/LM/index.asp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.